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August 26, 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution

FROM: R. J. Dominic
Director, Finance Office/Comptroller

SUBJECT: FY 2003 Financial Statement
Information Requirements Schedule

Attached is a schedule with due dates of required information that the Finance Office needs to receive to prepare NOAA's Fiscal Year (FY 2003) financial statements.

It is imperative that NOAA submits its draft FY 2003 financial statements to the Department of Commerce (DOC) by October 16, 2003. This is three weeks sooner than last fiscal year. Therefore, it is critical that the attached tasks are completed on time to meet that date. Additionally, a checklist is attached to ensure that financial information forwarded back to the Finance Office is fairly stated and meets or complies with applicable management assertions. I recommend that you continue to use the checklist, prior to submitting information to the Finance Office.

All capitalized property received and accepted during the fiscal year must be reported to the Property Office in the ASC where the procurement was executed. Sufficient documentation to identify the asset for accountability must be provided within 10 days of acceptance. Documentation to support the valuation of the asset must be provided within 10 days of the item being placed into service. Nevertheless, the cutoff date for submitting ALL of the above documentation is September 10, 2003, for any property to be placed into service prior to September 30, 2003. Where complete documentation is not available, estimates must be submitted by this deadline. Please refer to the Personal Property web site for documentation requirements. (<http://www.pps.noaa.gov>).

As you comply with our request for FY 2003 financial statement information, we ask that you continue evaluate and review your procedures to identify ways to improve efficiencies in compiling the information. In FY 2004, unaudited financial statements will continue to be due quarterly and must be submitted to DOC no later than 20 days after the end of the reporting period.

To facilitate distribution, an electronic version of this memorandum, and its attachments, may be found at http://www.rdc.noaa.gov/~finance/audit_info.htm.

Please provide your responses back to the Finance Office no later than the assigned due dates. For audit purposes, it is necessary that we receive either a positive or negative consolidated reply from each NOAA Line/Staff Office. Responses may be sent as follows:

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Your assistance and cooperation are greatly appreciated as we strive to maintain an unqualified audit opinion for the Department of Commerce. If you or your staff have any questions, or if you would like to receive a copy of your FY 2002 submission to the Finance Office as a guide, please call Ted Wolfgang on (301)444-2171 or Nancy Gates on (301)444-2185.

Attachments

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